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Mr. Geo. M. West,
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September 25, 1915.

Mr. Geo. M. West,
Panama City, Fla.

Dear Mr. West:

Within the last few weeks we received a copy of the paper telling of the passing of Edward H. Brown. It was not marked and we did not know who sent it. Ada saved it for me, and while at Fred Birge's home in Santa Clara, Cal., the last week in August, he told us about the manner of Ed's going, and upon our return home, I verified it through the copy sent. We have presumed it was sent by you.

Since March I had been in California, where I took the management of a daily newspaper at Modesto, where I lived in my boyhood. The plan was to purchase or lease with option the plant, which is a prosperous establishment, of which the city editor is a young man whom I trained in my office when I ran the Santa Clara News some twelve years ago. He considered he had matters arranged, and I went expecting to get interested in a publisher's position. On final conclusion, the owner boosted his price beyond what we considered reason, and tho I could have remained on salary I do not like to separated from the family. We have been married now 22 years and have never been apart more than two weeks at a time until my six months stay in California

Ada joined me in San Francisco on August 17th and we took in the Exposition most enjoyably. Then a week at Fred's and home. I have an interest in a printing and publishing house here, but would like to break away. Have numerous offers of newspaper properties here in the Northwest, but none seem attractive, with possibly one exception.

Are you still interested in the newspaper at Panama City, and what would be the prospect of my securing it or working in co-operation with you in the publication and development work. I could dispose of my interests in the firm here if so desired, but do not think it would be possible to dispose of my real estate (the home and vacant lots here in Portland) at this time, for there is a decided slump in values and demand just now.

Ada and the girls are well and very much attached to Portland, so it would be questionable if they would welcome a change, but they will not object to anything I consider best. Phebe will be 18 next birthday, and Helen 10. Bee graduates from High School next June. She is taller than her mother.

Will be glad to hear from you at your convenience. Please say to Lina that Ada will write soon, and give her our best sympathy and regard. I met Ed in 1893, when Ada and I were in Highland Park on our wedding trip, and he took me through the Board of Trade in Chicago. I held him in very high esteem on our brief acquaintance.

Yours very sincerely,

A. Clifford Gage